

## FICMNEW Talking Points for the 2018 Western Weed Coordinating Committee

(to be delivered by Anne Knox)

- FICMNEW held a retreat last spring to “rejuvenate” itself and to welcome new members. Many of our original and past members have retired or moved on.
- Part of the retreat was to reconnect and to develop a new 3-year work plan. Some of the highlights of the work plan include:
  - Improving marketing of FICMNEW and accessibility
  - We have a new FICMNEW website location. It has a description of FICMNEW: our monthly and public meeting notes, and presentations. We are updating our information e.g., (MOU, Charter, fact sheet, history, accomplishments) and hope to get everything posted by the Spring of '19 since much of the documents may take some time to update.
  - We will be developing more web and social media tools to get information out about FICMNEW and use webinar technology – we are using ZOOM now to have our public members access our public meeting. FICMNEW wants to be able to increase our social media presence.
  - FICMNEW will be holding a roundtable discussion or public meetings with our stakeholders and have listening sessions on the weed and invasive species issues that we are facing on federal and other lands and how FICMNEW can assist.
  - FICMNEW is developing a strategy to list invasive plants and noxious weeds: to develop a minimum set of standards for listing plants as “invasive/noxious.”
  - Provide metrics/economics of costs of weeds and invasive species and successes.
  - Develop Part 2 of the Early Detection and Rapid Response Plan of FICMNEWS National Framework for the implementation of nurseries (domestic), importation of plants.
  - Continue supporting the North American Invasive Species Forum – NAISF (i.e. previously Weeds across Borders) along with Mexico and Canada in 2019/2020 (*if Chuck Barger is there he might have some information about the dates for NAISF and may have already mentioned it if he gave an update about EDDMAPS or Bugwood*)
- FICMNEW co-chairs are Bob Nowierski, NIFA and Gina Ramos, BLM. FICMNEW open meetings are held the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month at 2:30 PM EST.
- If anyone here would like to make a presentation to the FICMNEW Feds-only members, or at during the FICMNEW open meeting, let Gina Ramos or Bob Nowierski know - [rnowierski@nifa.usda.gov](mailto:rnowierski@nifa.usda.gov)
- If you are not on the FICMNEW list serve and would like to add your name, send Gina Ramos your email address and she will add you to the list: [gramos@blm.gov](mailto:gramos@blm.gov)